2. Reduction of NPAs through compromise/write-offs, through negotiated settlements to ensure maximum recovery at minimum expense.

3. Two banks have been permitted to set up settlement Advisory Committees headed by a retired Judge of High Curt to scrutinise compromise proposals and make objective recommendations.

4. Setting up of Recovery Cells at Head Quarter and fixing of branchwise targets for reduction in NPAs. Performance of branches in recovery to be monitored by Head Quarter on monthly basis and Board of Directors kept informed of the progress on quarterly basis. RBI also monitors reduction of NPAs.

5. Setting up of Recovery Tribunals at Calcutta, Delhi, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Chennai, Guwahati and Patna and an Appellate Tribunal in Mumbai.

6. Compilation and circulation of list of defaulters suit filed accounts.

7. Review of top 300 NPAs of public sector banks with special reference to the system prevailing in the banks to fix staff accountability.

Statement

Bad debts written off by the Public Sector Banks during the last two years

Sr. No.	Name of the Bank	(Amount in crores) 1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4
A.	**State Bank Group**		
1.	State Bank of India	363.72	398.69
2.	State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur	39.25	24.98
3.	State Bank of Hyderabad	27.89	15.85
4.	State Bank of Indore	32.93	6.04
5.	State Bank of Mysore	50.61	5.72
6.	State Bank of Patiala	19.74	4.93
7.	State Bank of Saurashtra	18.95	4.02
8.	State Bank of Travandore	4.17	28.96
B.	**Nationalised Banks**		
9.	Allahabad Bank	55.73	6.71
10.	Andhra Bank	38.78	1.95
11.	Bank of Baroda	270.27	46.42
12.	Bank of India	260.38	307.08
13.	Bank of Maharashtra	81.12	56.52
14.	Canara Bank	200.00	169.49
15.	Central Bank of India	144.12	138.44
16.	Corporation Bank	18.64	19.13
17.	Dena Bank	27.34	51.92
18.	Indian Bank	42.51	115.94
19.	Indian Overseas Bank	5.94	75.01
20.	Oriental Bank of Commerce	2.13	0.82
21.	Punjab National Bank	220.77	53.14
22.	Punjab & Sind Bank	1.70	2.86
23.	Syndicate Bank	24.84	8.03
24.	Union Bank of India	27.86	38.81
25.	UCO Bank	165.07	110.98
26.	United Bank of India	119.00	36.51
27.	Vijaya Bank	4.19	13.26
		2267.65	1742.21

Pending Excise Duty

641. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL:

LT. GEN. (RETD.) PRAKASH MANI TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of central Excise cases pending with different authorities, till date, with amount involved therein;

(b) since when these cases are pending; and

(c) the reasons for not finalising the said cases and the steps taken for expeditious finalisation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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642. SHRI SUBRAMANYAM NELAVALA:

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR:

SHRI PRAKASH VISHWANATH PRANJPE:

SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: